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## PATENT APPLICATION

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q80987

Isao MATSUDA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/820,774

Group Art Unit: 1623

Confirmation No.: 8807

Examiner: Everett N. WHITE

Filed: April 9, 2004

For: METHOD FOR PREPARING GLUCOSE POLYMER HAVING ION-EXCHANGING  
ABILITY AND COMPOSITION CONTAINING THE SAME

### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

#### Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 15, 2007 and the Restriction Requirement, set forth therein, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1, 3-5 and 8 for examination in this application. This election is made without traverse.

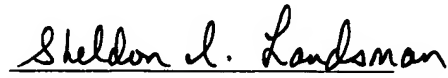
In response to the requirement for an election of species or invention to be examined, applicants elect citric acid as the polyvalent carboxylic acid on which claims 1, 3-5 and 8 are readable and elect starch hydrolyzates as the new glucose polymer on which claims 1, 3-56 and 8 are readable.

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